
Appendix B

Public and Agency Written Comments

Palumbo, Gary

From: Cappellino, John <jcappell@ecidany.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2020 4:17 PM
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Cc: 'rmurray@harrisbeach.com'
Subject: [EXTERNAL] FW: 2303 Hamburg Turnpike, NY Rt 5, (west side) ILDC Manufacturing Park Infrastructure Master Plan, Lackawanna
Attachments: ILDC SEQR Public Hearing Notice re GEIS 6-10-2020.pdf

Gary and Bob,

Received this today.

John

From: Rutkowski, Edward (DOT) <Edward.Rutkowski@dot.ny.gov>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 3:50 PM
To: Cappellino, John <jcappell@ecidany.com>
Subject: 2303 Hamburg Turnpike, NY Rt 5, (west side) ILDC Manufacturing Park Infrastructure Master Plan, Lackawanna

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John,

New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) reviewed the information submitted for the subject project and has the following comments:

- NYSDOT concurs with the Erie County ILDC acting as the Lead Agency.
- The TIS uses a 1% traffic growth rate for the study area. NYSDOT found the GBNRTC Travel Demand Model to show a negative (-0.4%) traffic growth for this corridor of NY Route 5. Also, the NYSDOT Traffic Data Forecaster (TDF) tool indicates negative traffic growth rate. The analyses should be revised and it would be appropriate to use 0% traffic growth rate for this study.
- The Traffic Impact Study (TIS) should include an accident analysis.
- The TIS should expand the number of intersections to the extent impacted by the site generated traffic rather than just the intersections on NY Route 5 with roads entering the Industrial Park.
- The TIS summarizes the LOS for existing conditions and for the build condition with a 3rd (additional) southbound travel lane. Traffic studies for proposed developments impacting NYSDOT highways, we require that the study analyzes and include summaries of LOS at existing conditions, background condition, build condition and build condition with proposed highway mitigation. This shows the impact of the additional site generated traffic as compared to the background traffic and then how the mitigation improves any negative impacts that the site generated had on the highways.
- As stated above the TIS analyzes the LOS with an additional southbound travel lane on NY Route 5, however, there is no discussion on the feasibility of constructing it. Also, the TIS recommends left and right turn lanes at Ridge Rd/SB NY Route 5 and a southbound right turn lane at Madison Avenue as potential mitigation. Any

highway improvements that are needed to mitigate the development traffic would be the responsibility of the applicant and/or developer to construct and fund those improvements.

If you have any questions. Please contact me by phone or email.

Sincerely,
Ed Rutkowski

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Email Address :	Naomi14075@gmail.com
Phone Number :	7164404705
Project Name :	Bethlehem Sterl

Comment : Please add more trails, more trees, more recreational greenspace. This * could be
* valuable beautiful land if the space was usable. Make it wild, make it green.
Running paths, dirt paths, walking paths, trees, shade, GREEN SPACE!

Hocieniec, Carrie

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Type of Comment : Oral Comment

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Company :

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Phone Number : 7163618311

Project Name : Bethlehem Steel

Comment : Buffalo should follow the lead of Chicago, Philadelphia, and Baltimore to develop waterfront for for public recreation. Commercial Development repeats the mistakes of the past.

Hocieniec, Carrie

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Project Name : Bethlehem Steel

Comment:

Given the nature of the property, two suggestions for the area would be: 1: a large indoor track facility is in high demand for the area and there is NO adequate facility currently in Section 6. With many collegiate programs too, it would highly used (look at how much use Oceanbreeze gets in Staten Island and SPIRE in Ohio. Buffalo could be the one that bridges the distance. Some plans for the building have already been developed and if it could be paired with 5 and 8 k cross country trails, it could become a fitness destination across many seasons. With the current infrastructure in place, transportation would be largely effective. Then the natural aspect of the XC course, with the parking and pavement of the facility could help mitigate any environmental issues. If the bike path could be connected, it would be an shining example of revitalization and would draw so many people to the area. 2: A racing track on the lake, like a NASCAR facility, would also mitigate the environmental issues with the amount of concrete/blacktop, etc and with proximity to Canada, it could also recruit international travel. Again, with infrastructure in place already, travel would be functional. Thanks for at least thinking about these suggestions.

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Type of Comment : Written Comment

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Project Name : Beaches of Buffalo

Comment : We have lost so much water access due to poor planning of industrial and roadway projects. Clean the property of Bethlehem Steel and provide park and Beach access to the water.

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Type of Comment : Written Comment

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Company :

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Project Name : public comments

Comment : with the bethlehem project....1. have a boat launch for all erie county residents. 2. have a park with picnic areas. 3. rest room facilities. 4. a food area, something casual, like a hot dog stand, with a diverse menu...5. an ampitheater like the one on camp road in Hamburg..

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Project Name : Bethlehem Steel

Comment :
It may have been a problem at my end but I was only able to receive the audio of meeting. When the speakers were referencing the “slides” ,I was not receiving them. Also, several times during the presentation, the audio was intelligible. To the project: as a 71 year old lifelong Lackawanna resident, retired from ECDEP , I have some knowledge of the existing facilities that will be treating the sanitary wastewater from the Bethlehem project. The treatment plant was built in the 1970’s with minimal upgrades since then. In fact some parts of the facility have been out-of-service for some time. During extreme weather events, the treatment plant exceeds capacity. Will the existing pump station(s) and treatment plant be able to properly treat the additional discharges From the Project? I do not believe that, without major investment, the Wastewater treatment plant will remain effective for much longer. Is the storm water from the former Bethlehem Steel property safe to discharge to Lake Erie or Smokes Creek without additional treatment? Have you looked at alternative facilities for treatment? For example the Southtowns treatment plant near Woodlawn Beach.

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Project Name : BETHLEHEM STEEL SITE PUBLIC MEETING

Comment : Please continue to give strong consideration to protecting and promoting the use of the slip at the former steel plant as a fully functional seaport for foreign-flagged and US Domestic cargo vessel operations. Both the Great Lakes shipping industry and the international bulk/project cargo industries have the proven potential to contribute tremendously to the local economy and infrastructure, by means of supporting local and regional ancillary trades. I do hope any such redevelopment plan of the site continues to give this industry strong consideration.

From: dec.sm.region9
To: [Palumbo, Gary](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Automatic reply: SEQR Public Hearing Notice. Draft GEIS for ILDC Advanced Manufacturing Park Infrastructure Master Plan
Date: Friday, June 12, 2020 4:20:27 PM

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Thank you for your interest and have a great day!

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Thank you for contacting me. For the foreseeable future our staff is telecommuting, and our principal method of communication will be via e-mail. Our entire office is working remotely to try and perform tasks in a timely fashion. We appreciate your patience.

Sincerely,
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